

# Structure and Dimerization of a Soluble Form of B7-1

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## Summary

B7-1 (CD80) and B7-2 (CD86) are glycoproteins expressed on antigen-presenting cells. The binding of these molecules to the T cell homodimers CD28 and CTLA-4 (CD152) generates costimulatory and inhibitory signals in T cells, respectively. The crystal structure of the extracellular region of B7-1 (sB7-1), solved to 3 Å resolution, consists of a novel combination of two Ig-like domains, one characteristic of adhesion molecules and the other previously seen only in antigen receptors. In the crystal lattice, sB7-1 unexpectedly forms parallel, 2-fold rotationally symmetric homodimers. Analytical ultracentrifugation reveals that sB7-1 also dimerizes in solution. The structural data suggest a mechanism whereby the avidity-enhanced binding of B7-1 and CTLA-4 homodimers, along with the relatively high affinity of these interactions, favors the formation of very stable inhibitory signaling complexes.

## Introduction

The course of an immune response is in large part controlled by the interactions of leukocyte cell surface molecules. Among the most important are those involving the B7 molecules B7-1 (CD80) and B7-2 (CD86), which are expressed on antigen-presenting cells and bind to both CD28 and CTLA-4 (CD152) expressed on T cells (reviewed by Lenschow et al., 1996; Greenfield et al., 1998). Altering these interactions has profound effects on immune responses in experimental disease models. Enhanced anti-tumor immune responses result from

transfecting B7-1 into murine tumors (Chen et al., 1992; Townsend and Allison, 1993) or from using anti-CTLA-4 antibodies to block CTLA-4 interactions with B7-1 and B7-2 (Leach et al., 1996). Conversely, inhibition of B7/CD28 interactions results in general immunosuppression (Linsley et al., 1992b), reduced autoantibody production (Finck et al., 1994), and enhanced skin and cardiac allograft survival (Larsen et al., 1996). There is, therefore, considerable interest in the therapeutic potential of manipulating human B7 interactions, and such approaches have already shown promise (Guinan et al., 1999).

B7-1 and B7-2 each consist of single V-like and C-like immunoglobulin superfamily (IgSF) domains (Freeman et al., 1989, 1993a; Azuma et al., 1993). Their ligands, CD28 and CTLA-4, are also structurally related and are expressed at the cell surface as homodimers of single V-like IgSF domains (Aruffo and Seed, 1987; Brunet et al., 1987). A third CD28-like molecule, ICOS (Hutloff et al., 1999), interacts with another B7-related molecule (D. Brodie et al., unpublished data), but the analysis of transgenic mice indicates that B7-1 and B7-2 are the only functional ligands of CD28 and CTLA-4 (Mandelbrot et al., 1999). The affinities of these interactions differ substantially: human CTLA-4 binds B7-1 with a solution  $K_d$  of 0.2–0.4  $\mu$ M (van der Merwe et al., 1997), whereas the affinity of CD28 for B7-2 is 40- to 100-fold lower (B7-1/CD28 and B7-2/CTLA-4 interactions each have intermediate affinities [ $K_d$  = 4  $\mu$ M]; A. V. C. et al., unpublished data).

The expression of B7-1, B7-2, CD28, and CTLA-4 is tightly regulated: whereas CD28 is constitutively expressed on resting human T cells and B7-2 is rapidly induced on antigen-presenting cells early in immune responses, the expression of both B7-1 and CTLA-4 is considerably delayed (reviewed by Lenschow et al., 1996). Interactions of the B7 molecules with CD28 generate costimulatory signals amplifying T cell receptor (TCR) signaling and preventing anergy, whereas interactions with CTLA-4 induce powerful inhibitory signals in T cells (Martin et al., 1986; Weiss et al., 1986; Harding et al., 1992; Walunas et al., 1994; Waterhouse et al., 1995). CD28-dependent costimulation is poorly understood, but recent work implicates the bulk recruitment of cell surface molecules and kinase-rich rafts to the site of TCR engagement, favoring receptor phosphorylation and signaling (Viola et al., 1999; Wülfing and Davis, 1999). Conversely, CTLA-4 inhibits signal transduction by recruiting the tyrosine phosphatase SHP-2 to the TCR, resulting in dephosphorylation of the  $\zeta$  chain of the complex and components of the RAS signaling pathway (Marengere et al., 1996; Lee et al., 1999), and by interfering with distal events in the CD28 signaling pathway (Olsson et al., 1999).

While the opposing effects of CD28 and CTLA-4 are clear cut, distinct functions for B7-1 and B7-2 have yet to be defined. A role in TH<sub>0</sub>, TH<sub>1</sub>, or TH<sub>2</sub> differentiation has been proposed (Freeman et al. 1995; Kuchroo et al., 1995), but other work (Schweitzer et al., 1997) suggests that B7-1 and B7-2 determine the magnitude of

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costimulatory signals rather than the outcome of TH subset differentiation (reviewed by McAdam et al., 1998). Supporting this view, quantitative rather than qualitative effects on tyrosine phosphorylation follow the stimulation of T cells with artificial antigen-presenting cells expressing B7-1 or B7-2 (Slavik et al., 1999). Moreover, gene disruption studies reveal considerable overlap in the costimulatory functions of B7-1 and B7-2 (Freeman et al., 1993b; Borriello et al., 1997). A third possibility is that, rather than having distinct CD28-dependent costimulatory roles, the key functional differences concern the strength and/or mode of binding of B7-2 and B7-1 to CD28 and CTLA-4.

We have determined the crystal structure of a soluble (s) form of human B7-1 at 3 Å resolution. The structure of the sB7-1 monomer combines features of both the adhesion and antigen receptor subgroups of the IgSF. The arrangement of sB7-1 monomers in the crystal lattice implies that sB7-1 might spontaneously form homodimers, an observation we confirm using analytical ultracentrifugation. These results have important implications regarding the structure and properties of the signaling complexes B7-1 will form in the contact zones between antigen-presenting cells and T cells.

## Results

### Structure Determination

A histidine-tagged, selenomethionine (SeMet)-labeled form of sB7-1 consisting of residues 1–201 of the mature polypeptide (van der Merwe et al., 1997) was expressed in the Chinese hamster–derived, Lec3.2.8.1 cell line in the presence of 0.5 mM N-butyl deoxynojirimycin and then deglycosylated as described (Butters et al., 1999). Deglycosylated, unlabeled sB7-1 bound CTLA-4 with wild-type affinity (A. V. C. et al., unpublished data). After removal of the histidine tag, crystals of space group I4<sub>1</sub>22 that diffracted to 3 Å resolution at a synchrotron source (BM14 of the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility [ESRF], Grenoble, France) were obtained. The structure was determined using the multiple-wavelength anomalous dispersion (MAD) method.

### Overall Structure

The sB7-1 monomer is a slender molecule, with dimensions of 23 × 30 × 90 Å<sup>3</sup>, consisting of two anti-parallel β sandwich IgSF domains joined by a short linker region (Figure 1A). Thr-199 forms the last main chain hydrogen bond in the molecule and Ala-200 is well ordered but extends into solution. Between this residue and the probable first residue of the transmembrane domain (Leu-209), the native protein sequence consists of eight, mostly hydrophilic, residues likely to form an extended stalk linking the protein to the cell surface. Overall, the organization and dimensions of sB7-1 resemble those of the extracellular region of CD2 (Figure 1B), although there is a significant change in relative domain orientation (see below).

### Immunoglobulin-like Domains

The amino-terminal domain (d1) of B7-1 has V-set topology (Williams and Barclay, 1988), with β strands forming DEB and AGFCC'C'' β sheets. Automated structure

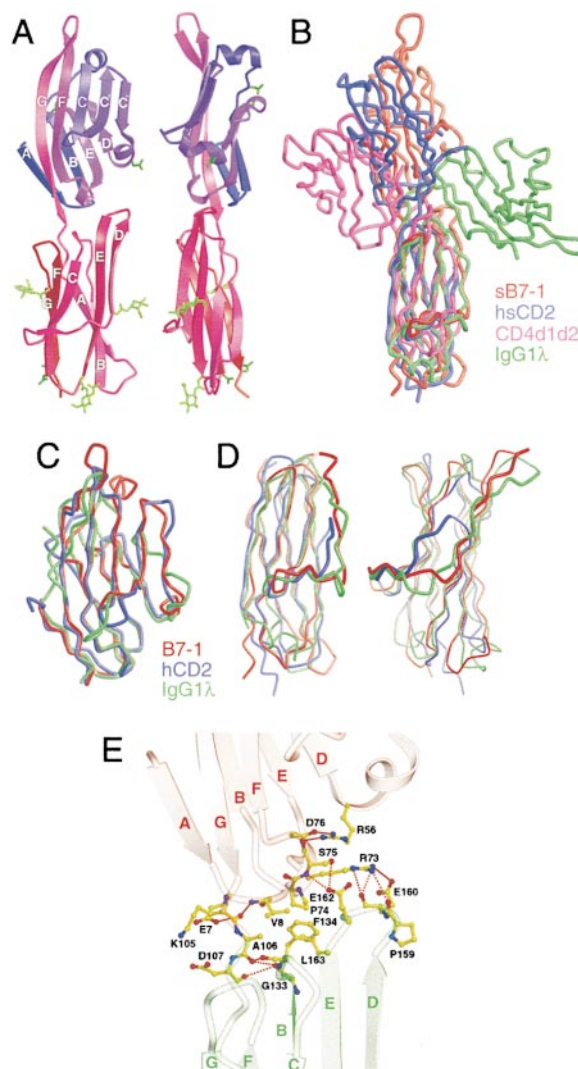


Figure 1. The Structure of the SeMet Form of sB7-1

(A) Two orthogonal views, shown in ribbon format, of the sB7-1 monomer. To indicate the course of the main chain, the color is varied from blue for residue 1 to red for residue 200. Asparagine residues that are part of glycosylation sequons are colored green and modeled with N-acetylglucosamine residues where electron density was sufficiently clear. (B) Schematic α carbon representations of sB7-1, CD4d1d2 (1cdy), human sCD2 (1hnf), and IgG1 λ light chain (8fab) are shown superimposed on domain 2 of each molecule. (C) Comparisons of the V-set IgSF domains of B7-1, human CD2 and IgG1 λ light chain. (D) Two orthogonal views of domain 2 of B7-1 superimposed on the equivalent domains of IgG1 λ light chain and hCD2. The C' or D strands are highlighted. (E) The interdomain region of B7-1 with domain 1 and 2 colored red and green, respectively. The network of residues mediating interdomain contacts are shown in ball-and-stick representation.

comparisons (DALI; Holm and Sander, 1995) rank B7-1d1 as most similar to the membrane distal domains of CD2 (1hnf) and CD4 (1cdy), molecules involved in cell–cell adhesion. Superimpositions of the B7-1, CD2, and antibody (IgV<sub>L</sub>λ) V-set domains are shown in Figure 1C (rms differences between B7-1d1 and CD2d1 and the Ig domain are 1.1 Å and 1.3 Å for 89 and 81 equivalent Cα

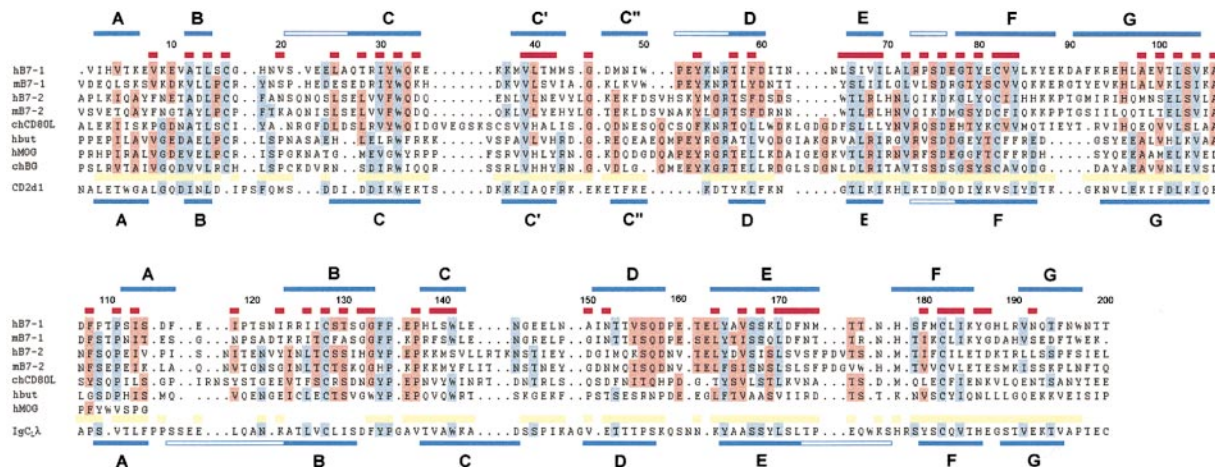


Figure 2. Alignment of B7 Subset and Human CD2 d1 and IgC $\lambda$  Sequences Based on the sB7-1, sCD2, and IgG1  $\lambda$  Light Chain Crystal Structures

The B7 subset, initially defined by Linsley et al. (1994), is extended to include chicken CD80-like protein (chCD80L; TrEMBL accession number O42404). Alignments were done using CLUSTALW (Thompson et al., 1994) and then adjusted by eye. The structural alignments of B7-1 d1 and d2 with CD2 d1 and IgC $\lambda$ , respectively, are based on the superpositions shown in Figure 1. Residues that are structurally equivalent in the superpositions are highlighted with yellow bars. Open and closed blue bars above the sequences mark  $\alpha$  helices and  $\beta$  strands in the sB7-1 structure, respectively. Buried residues (i.e., those exposing less than 25 Å<sup>2</sup> of side chain surface area) are highlighted with red bars. Amino acids that exhibit a high degree of conservation in V and C1-set IgSF domains (Barclay et al., 1997) are colored blue, whereas those shaded orange are conserved only within the B7 subset sequences.

atoms, respectively). An important structural similarity shared by B7-1d1 and CD2d1, distinguishing these domains from antigen receptor V-set domains, is the lack of overall twist in the AGFCC'C'' sheet. This reflects the fact that B7-1d1 has its  $\beta$  bulges located immediately after the CC' and FG turns at residues Met-38 and Arg-94, (equivalently positioned at residues Lys-43 and Asn-92 in human CD2d1; Bodian et al., 1994) rather than the C' and G strand  $\beta$  bulges conserved in antigen receptor V-set domains.

In contrast to d1, the membrane proximal domain of B7-1 (d2) exhibits greater similarity to the constant domains of antigen receptors and the membrane proximal domains of MHC antigen-type structures than to the membrane proximal domain of cell-cell adhesion molecules. The d2  $\beta$  sandwich is formed by DEBA and GFC  $\beta$  sheets typical of C1-set domains (Williams and Barclay, 1988). Thus, the six structures most similar to B7-1d2 selected by DALI all contain C1-set domains, and structural superposition of B7-1d2 with the constant domain of immunoglobulin  $\lambda$  light chain reveals greater similarity than the superposition of B7-1d2 with CD2d2 (rms differences of 1.4 Å and 1.5 Å for 80 and 64 equivalent residues, respectively; Figure 1D). The key structural feature is the organization of the strands at the "edge" of the domain: whereas beyond the C strand, CD2 has two short C'D strands extending the same  $\beta$  sheet, the B7-1 and the Fab C1-set domains have extended DE strands forming the first half of the second  $\beta$  sheet.

#### Interdomain Region

The interdomain "linkers" of B7-1 and human CD2 are identical in length (seven residues) and share remarkably similar main chain conformations, even though only Pro-111 and Ile-113 are conserved in both sequences (B7-1 sequence numbering). After superimposition of the

membrane-proximal domains, the position of the membrane-distal (N-terminal) domain of sB7-1 differs from that of sCD2 by a rotation of 100° about the long axis of the molecule and a reduction of 20° in tilt relative to the same axis. The rotation occurs about Ala-106 of B7-1 (Glu-104 in CD2). The reduced tilt, and the much longer D and E strands of d2, result in the interdomain region of B7-1 burying a larger surface area (670 versus 590 Å<sup>2</sup>) than is the case for CD2. This region consists of a buried, hydrophobic core formed by Val-8, Pro-74, Ala-106, Phe-134, and Leu-163. In addition, electrostatic contacts and main chain or side chain hydrogen bonds between Ser-75 and Glu-162, and between Arg-73 and both Pro-159 and Glu-160, appear to stabilize the extended, upright stature of the extracellular region of B7-1. The elaborate network of interactions supporting d1 is shown in Figure 1E.

The distinctive features of B7-1 define a new subset of the IgSF, into which sequence analysis groups B7-2, a chicken CD80-like protein (chCD80L), myelin/oligodendrocyte (hMOG) protein, the milk-fat globule membrane protein, butyrophilin (hbut), and the chicken MHC molecule, B-G antigen (chBG; Figure 2; Linsley et al., 1994; O'Regan et al., 1999). Although low, sequence identities indicate that these molecules have similar secondary and tertiary structures. The largest block of conserved residues that are not IgSF consensus residues lie in the D and E  $\beta$  strands and DE loop of domain 2. The conservation of this region, which is involved in the key interdomain electrostatic contacts, along with the conserved hydrophobicity of the interdomain core (residues 8, 106, 134, and 163), suggests that the frameworks of these molecules are likely to be similar.

#### Ligand Binding

Substantial losses (>90%) in ligand-binding activity occur when the solvent-exposed residues Arg-29, Tyr-31,



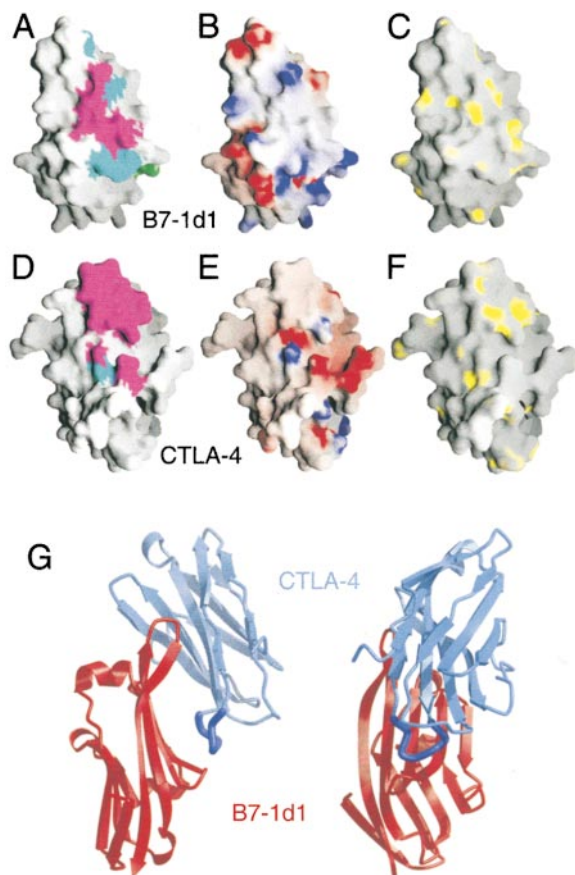


Figure 3. Properties of the Ligand Binding Faces of B7-1d1 and CTLA-4, and a Modeled Complex of these Molecules

In (A) (B7-1d1) and (D) (CTLA-4), the GRASP surfaces of residues whose mutation to alanine disrupts or has no effect on binding (Peach et al., 1995; Metzler et al., 1997) are colored magenta and cyan, respectively. In (B) and (E), the electrostatic potential calculated at neutral pH is shown projected onto the GRASP surfaces of each molecule; blue represents positive potential, white represents neutral, and red represents negative potential contoured at  $\pm 8.5$  kT. In (C) and (F), hydrophobicities calculated using GRID (P. Goodford, personal communication) are projected onto the GRASP surfaces of each molecule; yellow highlights regions of greatest hydrophobicity. The line of view in each panel is essentially perpendicular to the AGFCC'C'' ligand binding face of each molecule. In (G), the MYPPPY sequence of CTLA-4 implicated in B7-1 binding is highlighted as a darker blue loop in these two orthogonal views of the modeled complex.

Gln-33, Met-38, Ile-49, Trp-50, and Lys-86 of B7-1 are substituted with alanine (Figure 3A; Peach et al., 1995). With the exception of Lys-86, these residues form a contiguous, L-shaped cluster identifying the d1 AGFCC'C'' face as the ligand binding site of B7-1. Lys-86, which is not in the AGFCC'C'' face, may nevertheless form a salt bridge with Glu-24 in the BC loop that stabilizes the conformation of the FG loop. Not all of the residues surrounding this patch have been mutated, however, and it is likely that the full binding surface is substantially larger than this. Gln-33 is completely conserved in human and mouse B7-1 and B7-2, as are aromatic residues at position 31 and hydrophobic residues at position 38 (Figure 2). The conservation of these

residues may explain the cross-reactivities of human and mouse B7-1 and B7-2 with human and mouse CD28 and CTLA-4.

It has been proposed that d2 residues form part of the B7-1 ligand-binding site (Peach et al., 1995). However, the relevant mutations (of DE loop residues Gln-157, Asp-158, and Glu-162) have much weaker effects on ligand binding (<50% inhibition) than mutations of the d1 AGFCC'C'' face and inspection of the structure suggests that such effects could result from changes in the presentation of d1 via alterations in the network of interactions at the domain interface (Figure 1E). Simple modeling also indicates that CTLA-4 cannot simultaneously bind both sets of residues. Furthermore, direct involvement of d2 would generate B7-1/ligand complexes spanning a much shorter intermembrane distance ( $\sim 10$  nm) than TCR/MHC complexes ( $\sim 15$  nm), creating a steric barrier to the CTLA-4/TCR interactions required for inhibitory signaling by CTLA-4 (Lee et al., 1999). For these reasons, we conclude that the d1 AGFCC'C'' face represents the principal ligand-binding surface of B7-1.

The AGFCC'C'' face of B7-1 is compositionally similar to other sites of protein-protein recognition and thus has substantially fewer charged and more hydrophobic residues than the equivalent face of CD2, which is also involved in low-affinity cell surface recognition (29% charged residues versus 45%–70% for CD2 [Bodian et al., 1994; Davis et al., 1998a]). Surface electrostatic potential is depicted in Figure 3B. Two hydrophobic residues essential for ligand binding, Met-38 and Trp-50, form a contiguous hydrophobic patch at the base of the AGFCC'C'' sheet of d1. In a complementary manner, the conserved MYPPPY sequence motif implicated in the binding of both CTLA-4 and CD28 to B7-1 and B7-2 (Figure 3D; Metzler et al., 1997), forms a hydrophobic patch centered on the FG loop of CTLA-4. The distribution of hydrophobicity on the surfaces of the AGFCC'C'' face of each molecule is shown in Figures 3C and 3F.

Manual docking of B7-1 d1 and CTLA-4, so that contact between the two hydrophobic patches and electrostatic complementarity are each maximized, and in a way that would permit interactions between adjacent cells, readily generates a feasible model for the complex of these two molecules (Figure 3G). The model is reminiscent of the antiparallel homophilic contacts observed in crystals of Protein 0 (Shapiro et al., 1996) and buries approximately 800 Å<sup>2</sup> of surface area per molecule, an area comparable to that buried in most other protein complexes (Janin and Chothia, 1990). The exaggerated twist of the AGFCC'C''  $\beta$  sheet of CTLA-4 could allow extensive contact with the very long FG loop of B7-1, which appears to be a conserved feature of the B7-related sequences (Figure 2).

#### Molecular Association in the Crystal

A striking and unexpected feature of the sB7-1 crystal lattice is that it is dominated by a molecular contact at the 2-fold axis, which buries 610 Å<sup>2</sup> of surface area for each molecule. The lattice contact generates a compact dimer that, in overall shape and dimensions, is reminiscent of an antibody Fab' molecule (Figure 4A). However, the dimer differs from a Fab' insofar as the d1 interaction

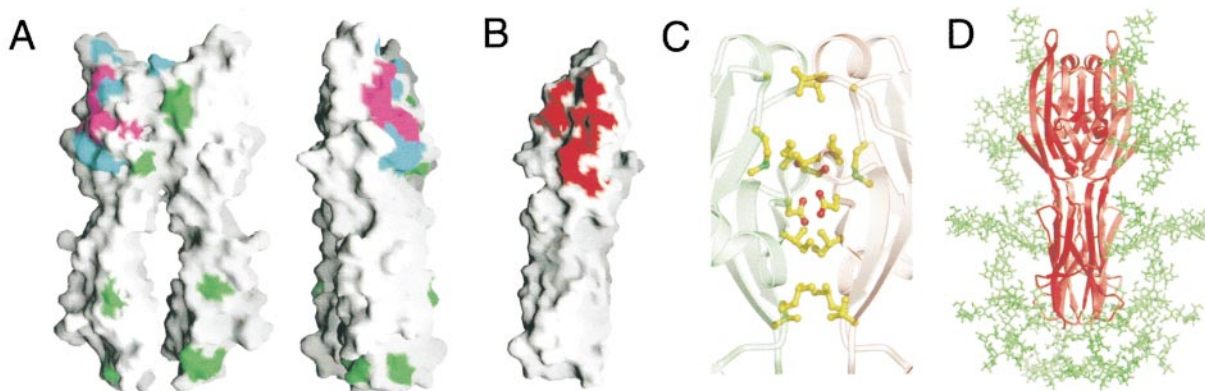


Figure 4. Structure of the sB7-1 Homodimer Observed in the Crystal Lattice

(A) Two orthogonal views of the GRASP surface of the homodimer showing the location of residues whose mutation to alanine disrupts (magenta) or has no effect (cyan) on binding. Putative N-glycosylation sites are colored green.  
(B) The GRASP surfaces of amino acids involved in forming the dimer are colored red. The view is identical to the right-hand panel in (A) but with the front copy of sB7-1 removed.  
(C) Details of the residues at the dimer interface are shown in ball-and-stick format viewed as in the left-hand panel of (A).  
(D) The homodimer is shown with either oligomannose, bi-, or triantennary N-glycans modeled at each of the potential glycosylation sites.

is mediated by a relatively flat surface formed by the B, C'', D, and E  $\beta$  strands rather than the AGFCC'C'' face, and there is no contact between d2 of each molecule (although such contacts might be possible in vivo and may only be precluded by this particular lattice). The interaction is mediated by the primarily hydrophobic residues (Val-11, Val-22, Gly-45, Met-47, Ile-58, Asp-60, Ile-61, Thr-62, and Leu-70) decorating the B, C'', D, and E  $\beta$  strands, leaving the AGFCC'C'' face free for ligand binding (Figures 4B and 4C). The molecules are inclined by 4° to the 2-fold axis, an arrangement consistent with the C-terminal stalks linking the molecules to the cell surface entering the membrane adjacently. The distribution of the glycosylation sites on the sB7-1 structure indicates that, even if all potential sites were to be fully utilized, the dimer interface would be free of N-linked glycans (Figures 4A and 4D).

#### Dimerization of sB7-1 in Solution

Analytical ultracentrifugation at a range of concentrations and at three temperatures (Figures 5A and 5B; see

Experimental Procedures) indicates that sB7-1 undergoes dimerization in solution with a  $K_d$  in the range of 20–50  $\mu$ M. At higher concentrations, aggregation also occurred (data not shown). These effects are reversible, and sedimentation velocity boundary analysis (Stafford, 1992) of samples in a concentration range where both monomer and dimer were present was unable to differentiate between the species, indicating that monomer and dimer are in rapid exchange with a rate constant of dissociation greater than  $10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (Cann, 1986). The temperature dependence of the  $K_d$  is consistent with the largely hydrophobic nature of the contact seen in the crystal lattice.

#### Discussion

The relationship of the structure of the extracellular region of B7-1 to its function is illuminated by comparison with CD2. A key structural difference between B7-1 and CD2 lies in d2 of each molecule. In B7-1 this domain is topologically similar to C1-set domains, which have

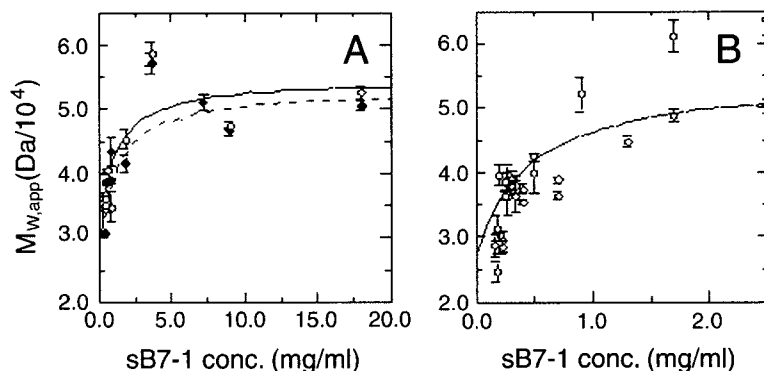


Figure 5. Analytical Ultracentrifugation of sB7-1

Apparent whole-cell weight-average molecular weight ( $M_{w,app}$ ) of sB7-1 as a function of sample loading concentration at 4°C (closed circles) and 20°C (open circles) (A) and at 37°C (open circles) (B). The 4°C (dashed line, [A]), 20°C (solid line, [A]), and 37°C (solid line, [B]) data have been fitted to equation 2 to obtain apparent dissociation constants. The trends in  $M_{w,app}$  indicate that sB7-1 is undergoing self-association and is in dynamic equilibrium between a monomeric form ( $M_{w,app} \sim 27 \text{ kDa}$ ) and a dimeric form ( $M_{w,app} \sim 54 \text{ kDa}$ ). The parameters given by the fits to the data for sB7-1 are a monomer mass ( $M_1$ ) of  $26609 \pm 2206 \text{ Da}$ , with a dissociation constant  $K_d$  of  $44 \mu\text{M}$  at 4°C; an  $M_1$  of  $27384 \pm 1942 \text{ Da}$ ,  $K_d$  of  $33 \mu\text{M}$  at 20°C; and an  $M_1$  of  $27478 \pm 3176 \text{ Da}$ , with a dissociation constant  $K_d$  of  $17 \mu\text{M}$  at 37°C.

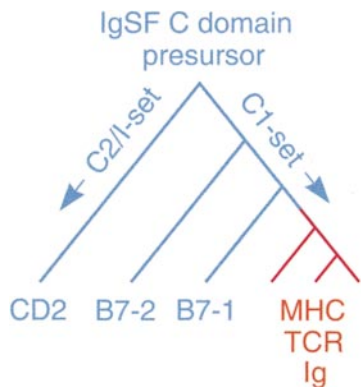


Figure 6. Evolutionary Relationships of the IgSF Constant-like Domains

The parts of the lineage colored blue are proposed to have generated cell adhesion and cell-cell recognition molecules, whereas the red section produced components of the adaptive immune response. CD2 is used to represent the C2/I-set.

previously only been observed in the structures of antigen receptors and MHC antigens; in contrast, CD2d2 belongs to the C2-set. The ALIGN program (Dayhoff et al., 1983) gives significantly higher scores for comparisons of human and mouse B7-1d2 sequences with representative C1-set sequences (Barclay et al., 1997) than for C2-set sequences ( $5.4 \pm 0.56$  versus  $2.79 \pm 1.99$ , respectively). Thus, both topology and sequence place d2 of B7-1 within the C1-set. However, the ALIGN scores for B7-1d2 comparisons with other C1-set sequences are significantly lower than for comparisons within the classic C1-set ( $8.5 \pm 2.7$ ). This implies that the appearance of B7-1-like molecules may have predated the evolution of distinct antigen receptors and MHC antigens. B7-1 and B7-2, while clearly related, share very limited sequence similarity, and human and mouse B7-2d2 give equally poor matches with both C1- and C2-set sequences ( $2.3 \pm 0.9$  and  $2.2 \pm 1.1$ ), suggesting that B7-2 might be even more primitive. Taken with the observation that the adhesion domains of B7-1 and CD2 are remarkably similar, these data suggest a set of evolutionary relationships in which the earliest members of

the C1-set are adhesion molecules, and antigen receptors essential for adaptive immune responses (characterized by GFCC'C''  $\beta$  sheet mediated V-set heterodimerization [Springer, 1991]) appear late in the evolution of the IgSF (Figure 6). Similarity between domain 2 of B7-1 and the C1-set domain of  $\beta$ 2-microglobulin was predicted by Bajorath et al. (1994), and the genetic linkage of B7-related molecules to the MHC has been noted previously (Henry et al., 1997).

Although sB7-1 and sCD2 have similar overall dimensions, the reduced tilt of domain 1 relative to domain 2 positions the ligand binding AGFCC'C'' face of B7-1 normal to the long axis of the molecule rather than, as in CD2, parallel with it (Jones et al., 1992; Bodian et al., 1994). Such differences may be related to the sequence of expression of these genes. Maximum exposure of the ligand binding face at the "top" of the molecule may be crucial for establishing the initial contact zone between T cells and antigen-presenting cells by CD2 (van der Merwe et al., 1995; Davis and van der Merwe, 1996; Dustin et al., 1998). B7-1 appears after formation of the contact zone, however, when the interacting cell surfaces are already optimally aligned for interactions involving molecules the size of B7-1, the T cell receptor, and their respective ligands. An important consequence of the essentially parallel alignment of d1 and d2 of B7-1 is that it exposes the non-ligand-binding DEB face of d1, allowing the formation of parallel, compact homodimers. The formation of equivalent dimers by CD2 is precluded by the  $42^\circ$  tilt in the position of d1 relative to the long axis of the molecule (Jones et al., 1992; Bodian et al., 1994).

Functionally distinct interactions are suggested by the presence of radically different molecular contacts in the crystal lattices of sB7-1 and sCD2. sCD2 packs head-to-head, an arrangement which was predicted (Jones et al., 1992) and subsequently shown (Wang et al., 1999) to mimic natural receptor-ligand interactions. In contrast, the sB7-1 crystal lattice is dominated by a side-side molecular contact that generates a potentially bivalent homodimer. Model studies indicate that cell surface proteins with solution affinities in the range of 15–75  $\mu$ M interact spontaneously at membrane interfaces (Dustin et al. 1996; 1997). The  $K_d$  of 20–50  $\mu$ M for dimerization and rapid dimer-exchange we have observed

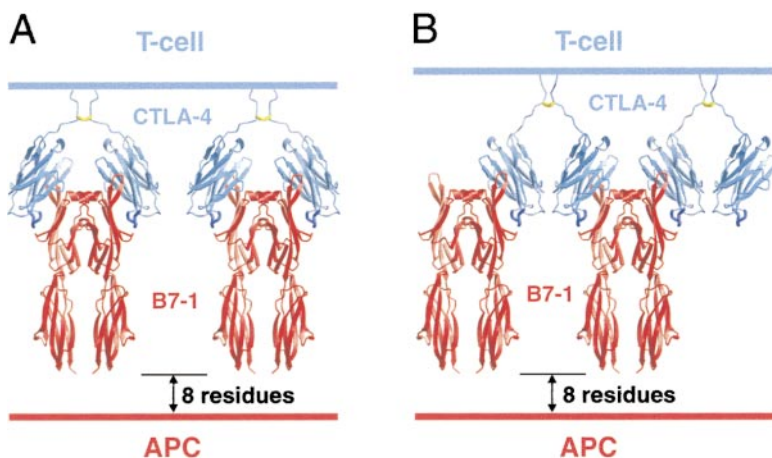


Figure 7. Potential Molecular Complexes Formed by the B7-1 and CTLA-4 Homodimers at the Cell Surface

The B7-1 homodimer shown is identical to that observed in the crystal lattice. The CTLA-4 homodimer is based on the solution structure of the monomer (Metzler et al., 1997), with the sequence connecting  $\beta$  strand G to the intermolecular disulphide at Cys-123 modeled in extended conformation. The ligand-binding domains of B7-1 and CTLA-4 are docked as described in the text, allowing the formation of two potential types of complexes: paired homodimers (A) and complexes in which separate sB7-1 homodimers are bridged by adjacent CTLA-4 dimers (B).



Table 1. Data Collection and Refinement Statistics

| Data Processing   |                  |          |          |           |
|---|------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Wavelength (Å)  | 0.8855           | 0.9793   | 0.9796   | all       |
| Observation   | 34,375           | 34,531   | 36,114   | 105,456   |
| Unique*   | 9,341            | 9,349    | 9,436    | 5,409     |
| Redundancy  | 3.7              | 3.7      | 3.8      | 19.5      |
| $\langle I/\sigma(I) \rangle$   | 12 (3)           | 10 (2)   | 11 (2)   | 24 (5)    |
| R <sub>merge</sub> (%)  | 9.2 (42)         | 9.3 (43) | 9.2 (42) | 11.4 (48) |
| Resolution (Å)  | 20–3.0 (3.1–3.0) |          |          |           |
| Completeness (%)  | 98 (93)          | 99 (96)  | 99 (93)  | 100 (99)  |
| Refinement  |                  |          |          |           |
| Data range (Å)  | 20–3.0 (3.1–3.0) |          |          |           |
| Reflections (F>0)   | 5,204 (283)      |          |          |           |
| Completeness (%)  | 96.5 (88.9)      |          |          |           |
| Reflections in R <sub>free</sub> set                                  | 289 (21)         |          |          |           |
| Nonhydrogen atoms (protein/sugar)                                     | 1,604/42         |          |          |           |
| Rms $\Delta$ bond lengths (Å)   | 0.008            |          |          |           |
| Rms $\Delta$ bond angles (°)  | 1.4              |          |          |           |
| Rms $\Delta$ B factors for bonded atoms (Å <sup>2</sup> ) (main/side) | 1.3/1.9          |          |          |           |
| Mean B factors (Å <sup>2</sup> ) (main/side/sugar)                    | 41.4/42.8/49.0   |          |          |           |
| Mean main chain B factors (Å <sup>2</sup> ) (domain 1/domain 2)       | 45.2/37.2        |          |          |           |
| R <sub>free</sub> (%)   | 28.2 (35.4)      |          |          |           |
| R <sub>cryst</sub> (%)  | 23.7 (34.1)      |          |          |           |

\* For data sets collected at individual wavelengths, Bijvoet pairs were not merged. However, the Bijvoet pairs were merged in the data set generated by merging the data collected at all wavelengths.

Values in parentheses correspond to the highest resolution shell (3.1–3.0 Å).

$$R_{\text{merge}} = \sum |I - \langle I \rangle| / \sum \langle I \rangle$$

$$R_{\text{cryst}} = \sum ||F_{\text{obs}}| - |F_{\text{calc}}|| / \sum |F_{\text{obs}}|$$

R<sub>free</sub> = as for R<sub>cryst</sub> but calculated for a test set comprising reflections not used in the refinement.

Root mean squared deviations (rms  $\Delta$ ) in bond length and angles are given from ideal values.

suggests that B7-1 may exist at the cell surface in a dynamic equilibrium dominated by a homodimer similar to that observed in the crystal. Since CTLA-4 exists as a disulfide-bonded homodimer, the existence of B7-1 dimers would allow two types of multivalent associations to form at the cell–cell interface, one involving paired homodimers (Figure 7A), the alternative involving a dimer of B7-1 bridging adjacent CTLA-4 dimers (Figure 7B). Simple modeling studies suggest that the second type of interaction might be sterically favored.

CTLA-4 is not expressed on resting T cells, and the level of CTLA-4 expression at the cell surface is kept very low, even on activated cells (Linsley et al., 1992a). CTLA-4 is also stored in intracellular vesicles (Leung et al., 1995) whose release is directed at the contact zone between activated T cells and antigen-presenting cells (Linsley et al., 1996). This suggests that its release into and sequestration within the central supramolecular activation cluster (cSMAC) of the immunological synapse (Monks et al., 1998; Grakoui et al., 1999) is key to the inhibitory function of CTLA-4. The solution affinity of B7-1 for CTLA-4 (~0.2–0.4  $\mu$ M) is among the highest described for interacting cell surface molecules (reviewed in Davis et al., 1998b), at least 10-fold higher than the affinity of B7-1/CD28 interactions (~4  $\mu$ M; van der Merwe et al., 1997) and 40- to 100-fold higher than that of B7-2/CD28 interactions (~15  $\mu$ M; A. V. C. et al., unpublished data). The avidity model proposed in Figure 7B would provide a mechanism for further stabilizing the interaction of B7-1 with CTLA-4 within the cSMAC. While it is clear that B7-1/CD28 interactions may generate competing costimulatory signals, the foregoing

structural considerations, along with the timing of B7-1 and CTLA-4 expression, suggest that a key function of B7-1 is to generate particularly stable signaling complexes with CTLA-4 late in immune responses, increasing the likelihood of inhibitory signaling by CTLA-4 and facilitating the termination of T cell activation.

## Experimental Procedures

### Protein Expression and Crystallization

The expression of a construct encoding a histidine-tagged form of sB7-1, consisting of residues 1–201 of the native protein and bearing a deleted C-terminal glycosylation site (Asn-198), in Lec3.2.8.1 cells in the presence of 0.5 mM N-butyl deoxynojirimycin is described by Butters et al. (1999). SeMet labeling was done according to the method of May et al. (1997). After removal of the histidine tag with carboxypeptidase A (van der Merwe et al., 1997), data collection-quality wild-type and SeMet sB7-1 crystals grew readily in sitting drops containing 2  $\mu$ l of protein (at an optical density of 20–30 in 10 mM HEPES, 140 mM NaCl, 0.05% NaN<sub>3</sub> [pH 7.4]) and 2  $\mu$ l of reservoir solution (typically a 10%–90% v/v dilution of a stock solution containing 28% PEG 400, 0.1M Na HEPES (pH 7.5), 0.2M CaCl<sub>2</sub>).

### Structure Determination

The crystals belong to space group I4<sub>2</sub>2 (cell dimensions a = b = 57.3 Å, c = 298.9 Å, consistent with a single molecule per asymmetric unit). For data collection at 100 K, crystals were briefly transferred to mother liquor containing 10% v/v glycerol. Molecular replacement and multiple isomorphous replacement phasing attempts failed (high levels of nonisomorphism were apparent between native and heavy atom data sets). Diffraction data for MAD-based phase determination were collected from one cryo-cooled SeMet sB7-1 crystal at station BM14 of the ESRF. The Se absorption edge was located by a fluorescence scan, and consecutive data sets were collected at three wavelengths ( $\lambda$  = 0.8855 Å, 0.97930 Å, and 0.97955 Å, the latter wavelengths being at the white line and inflection point) using

the 180 mm scan mode of a 345 mm diameter MAR-Research (Hamburg, Germany) image plate detector. The diffraction data were processed and scaled with the HKL program suite (Otwinowski and Minor, 1997; statistics reported in Table 1). The expected six Se atom positions were determined, refined, and phases calculated to 3.0 Å resolution, using the program SOLVE (Terwilliger and Berendzen, 1997). An initial electron density map based on these phases was improved with programs DM and SOLOMON (CCP4, 1994) to yield a high quality electron density map. The structure was built using program O (Jones et al., 1991). The entire course of the main chain was apparent; however, only half the true side chains were built, with the remainder initially modeled as alanines.

Refinement with CNS (Brunger et al., 1998) used a set of  $F_{\text{obs}}$  constructed by merging the diffraction data (including Bijvoet pairs) from all three MAD wavelengths. After some refinement and manual rebuilding, the entire sB7-1 sequence was fitted and clear electron density allowed the unambiguous positioning of three N-linked N-acetylglucosamine residues. Further refinement of the atomic positions and tightly restrained individual isotropic B-factors resulted in a final crystallographic  $R_{\text{factor}}$  and  $R_{\text{free}}$  of 23.7% and 28.2%, respectively. In the final model, 80.4% of residues fall in the most favored regions of the Ramachandran plot and no nonglycine residues fall in disallowed regions (Laskowski et al., 1993). Refinement and model statistics are reported in Table 1.

Structural superpositions used program SHP (Stuart et al., 1979). Figures 1–3, 6, 7, and 9 were produced using programs BOBSCRIPT (Esnouf, 1997) and Raster3D (Merritt and Murphy, 1994). Electrostatic analysis and surface display for Figures 5 and 7 used the program GRASP (Nicholls et al., 1991).

#### Analytical Ultracentrifugation Methods

Analytical ultracentrifugation used a Beckman Instruments Optima XL-A equipped with scanning absorbance optics utilizing wavelengths of 225 nm, 230 nm, 254 nm, 280 nm, 300 nm, 310 nm, and 320 nm, depending on the protein concentrations present (Tuma et al., 1996). Thermodynamic equilibrium was taken to have been reached when distribution scans acquired 3 hr apart were coincident. The experiments were performed at a rotor speed of 10,000 rpm, and the sample was pelleted from solution at 40,000 rpm following the attainment of equilibrium to allow the baseline absorbance to be measured. The data were fitted with the equation

$$A(r) = A(r_f) \exp \left[ \frac{(1 - \bar{v}\rho)\omega^2}{2RT} (r^2 - r_f^2) \right] + E \quad (1)$$

where  $A(r)$  is the absorbance at radius  $r$  (in cm),  $A(r_f)$  is the absorbance at reference radius  $r_f$ ,  $\bar{v}$  is the partial specific volume (in ml/g),  $\rho$  is the solvent density (in g/ml),  $\omega$  is the angular velocity of the centrifuge rotor (in rad/s),  $R$  is the gas constant,  $T$  the absolute temperature, and  $E$  the baseline offset. By comparing the apparent mass of the glycosylated sB7-1 molecules determined using SDS-PAGE with the known mass of the polypeptide alone, the percent by weight sugar was estimated. The weighted average  $\bar{v}$  was calculated as 0.687 ml/g using known values for the partial volumes of amino acids and sugars (Perkins, 1986). The whole-cell weight-average apparent molecular weights obtained through fitting Equation 1 to the equilibrium distributions were plotted against the concentration at the midpoint of the distribution (Laue, 1992) to obtain diagnostics of the solution behavior of the samples. These curves were fitted with the equation

$$M_{w,app} = \frac{(n-1)M_1c}{K_d + c} + M_1 \quad (2)$$

where  $M_{w,app}$  is the apparent whole-cell weight-average molecular weight (in Da) obtained from fitting equation 1,  $n$  is the association state of the complex formed by the protein,  $M_1$  is the monomer mass of the protein,  $c$  is the protein concentration, and  $K_d$  is the dissociation constant of the protein complex (in units of  $c$ ).

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#### Protein Data Bank Coordinates

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